

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A shredder comprising:
a seat having a pivot guide;
a shredder housing including a pivot mount;
a shredder mechanism including a motor and cutter elements, the shredder mechanism enabling articles to be shredded to be fed into the cutter elements and the motor being operable to drive the cutter elements so that the cutter elements shred the articles fed therein, the shredder mechanism being mounted in the shredder housing;
the shredder housing being constructed to be removably mounted to the seat in a generally horizontal orientation with the pivot mount removably engaged with the pivot guide;
the pivot mount and the pivot guide being constructed to pivotally mount the shredder housing for pivotal movement between the generally horizontal orientation and a generally vertical orientation.
2. (Original) A shredder according to claim 1, wherein the pivot mount and the pivot guide are constructed to provide support to the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against movement thereof towards the generally horizontal orientation, thereby facilitating a user (a) lifting the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation off the seat with the pivot mount disengaging from the pivot guide and (b) lowering the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation onto the seat with the pivot mount engaging the pivot guide and the pivotally moving the shredder housing downwardly to the generally horizontal orientation.
3. (Original) A shredder according to claim 2, further comprising a handle provided on the shredder housing, the handle being constructed to be manually grasped for moving the shredder housing between the generally horizontal and generally vertical orientations on the seat and lifting and lowering the shredder housing off of and onto the seat.

4. (Original) A shredder according to claim 3, wherein the pivot guide includes a pair of pivot guides provided on opposing lateral sides of the seat and wherein the pivot mount includes a pair of pivot mounts provided on opposing lateral sides of the shredder housing.

5. (Original) A shredder according to claim 4, wherein the pivot guides are upwardly facing recesses.

6. (Original) A shredder according to claim 7, wherein each of the upwardly facing recesses has a generally vertical engagement surface provided in a bottom thereof,

the pivot guides and the pivot mounts being constructed such that when the shredder mechanism housing is in the generally vertical orientation thereof the surfaces on the pivot mounts are engaged with the generally vertical engagement surfaces to provide support to the shredder mechanism housing in the generally vertical orientation against movement thereof towards the generally horizontal orientation as aforesaid,

the pivot guides and the pivot mounts being constructed such that the pivot mounts disengage from the generally vertical engagement surfaces as the shredder mechanism housing is moved from the generally vertical orientation to the generally horizontal orientation.

7. (Original) A shredder according to claim 3, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

8. (Original) A shredder according to claim 7, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing.

9. (Original) A shredder according to claim 4, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

10. (Original) A shredder according to claim 9, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip

portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing.

11. (Original) A shredder according to claim 5, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

12. (Original) A shredder according to claim 11, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing.

13. (Original) A shredder according to claim 6, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

14. (Original) A shredder according to claim 13, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing.

15. (Original) A shredder according to claim 2, wherein the seat is constructed to be removably mounted on an upper portion of a container having an upwardly facing opening so that the articles being shredded and discharged from the cutter elements are discharged into the container.

16. (Original) A shredder according to claim 2, further comprising a container, wherein the seat is provided by an upper peripheral edge of the container so that the articles being shredded and discharged from the cutter elements are discharged into the container.

17. (Original) A shredder according to claim 15, wherein the shredder housing includes a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism that faces into the container when the seat is removably mounted thereon and the shredder housing is in the generally horizontal orientation for enabling articles to be discarded into the container without passing through the shredder mechanism.

18. (Original) A shredder according to claim 17, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by a handle provided on the shredder housing, the handle being constructed to be manually grasped for moving the shredder housing between the generally horizontal and generally vertical orientations on the seat and lifting and lowering the shredder housing off of and onto the seat.

19. (Original) A shredder according to claim 18, wherein the handle and the waste opening are provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

20. (Original) A shredder according to claim 19, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing, the hand grip portion and the connector portions defining part of the waste opening.

21. (Original) A shredder according to claim 16, wherein the shredder housing includes a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism that faces into the container when the shredder mechanism is in the generally horizontal orientation for enabling articles to be discarded into the container without passing through the shredder mechanism.

22. (Original) A shredder according to claim 21, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by a handle provided on the shredder housing, the handle being constructed to be manually grasped for moving the shredder housing between the generally horizontal and generally vertical orientations on the seat and lifting and lowering the shredder housing off of and onto the seat.

23. (Original) A shredder according to claim 22, wherein the handle and the waste opening are provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

24. (Original) A shredder according to claim 23, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip

portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing, the hand grip portion and the connector portions defining part of the waste opening.

25. (Original) A shredder comprising:

a seat;

a shredder housing, the shredder housing being constructed to be removably mounted to the seat;

a shredder mechanism including a motor and cutter elements, the shredder mechanism enabling articles to be shredded to be fed into the cutter elements and the motor being operable to drive the cutter elements so that the cutter elements shred the articles fed therein, the shredder mechanism being mounted in the shredder housing;

the shredder housing including a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism for enabling articles to be discarded through the waste opening without passing through the shredder mechanism; and

a handle connected to the shredder housing for facilitating removal of the shredder housing from the seat, the handle defining at least a portion of the waste opening.

26. (New) A shredder comprising:

a seat having a pivot guide;

a shredder housing including a pivot mount;

a shredder mechanism including a motor and cutter elements, the shredder mechanism enabling articles to be shredded to be fed into the cutter elements and the motor being operable to drive the cutter elements so that the cutter elements shred the articles fed therein, the shredder mechanism being mounted in the shredder housing;

the shredder housing being constructed to be removably mounted to the seat in a generally horizontal orientation with the pivot mount removably engaged with the pivot guide;

the pivot mount and the pivot guide being constructed to pivotally mount the shredder housing for pivotal movement between the generally horizontal orientation and a generally vertical orientation; and

a handle provided on the shredder housing, the handle being constructed to be manually grasped for moving the shredder housing between the generally horizontal and

generally vertical orientations on the seat and lifting and lowering the shredder housing off of and onto the seat;

wherein the pivot guide includes a pair of said pivot guides provided on opposing lateral sides of the seat and wherein the pivot mount includes a pair of said pivot mounts provided on opposing lateral sides of the shredder housing.

27. (New) A shredder according to claim 26, wherein the pivot mounts and the pivot guides each have support surfaces positioned to engage one another to support the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement.

28. (New) A shredder according to claim 27, wherein the support surfaces of the pivot mounts and the pivot guides are constructed to provide support to the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement thereof back towards the generally horizontal orientation, thereby facilitating a user (a) lifting the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation off the seat with the pivot mounts disengaging from the pivot guides and (b) lowering the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation onto the seat with the pivot mounts engaging the pivot guides and the pivotally moving the shredder housing downwardly to the generally horizontal orientation.

29. (New) A shredder according to claim 26, wherein the pivot guides include upwardly facing recesses.

30. (New) A shredder according to claim 27, wherein the pivot guides include upwardly facing recesses.

31. (New) A shredder according to claim 28, wherein the pivot guides include upwardly facing recesses.

32. (New) A shredder according to claim 30, wherein the support surfaces of the pivot guides are generally vertical and are provided in the bottoms of the upwardly facing recesses,

the pivot guides and the pivot mounts being constructed such that when the shredder mechanism housing is in the generally vertical orientation thereof the support surfaces on the pivot mounts are engaged with the generally vertical support surfaces to provide support to

the shredder mechanism housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement thereof back towards the generally horizontal orientation,

the pivot guides and the pivot mounts being constructed such that support surfaces on the pivot mounts disengage from the support surfaces of the pivot guides as the shredder mechanism housing is moved from the generally vertical orientation to the generally horizontal orientation.

33. (New) A shredder according to claim 31, wherein the support surfaces of the pivot guides are generally vertical and are provided in the bottoms of the upwardly facing recesses,

the pivot guides and the pivot mounts being constructed such that when the shredder mechanism housing is in the generally vertical orientation thereof the support surfaces on the pivot mounts are engaged with the generally vertical support surfaces to provide support to the shredder mechanism housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement thereof back towards the generally horizontal orientation,

the pivot guides and the pivot mounts being constructed such that support surfaces on the pivot mounts disengage from the support surfaces of the pivot guides as the shredder mechanism housing is moved from the generally vertical orientation to the generally horizontal orientation

34. (New) A shredder according to claim 26, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

35. (New) A shredder according to claim 27, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

36. (New) A shredder according to claim 29, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

37. (New) A shredder according to claim 30, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

38. (New) A shredder according to claim 34, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing.

39. (New) A shredder according to claim 26, wherein the seat is constructed to be removably mounted on an upper portion of a container having an upwardly facing opening so that the articles being shredded and discharged from the cutter elements are discharged into the container.

40. (New) A shredder according to claim 39, wherein the shredder housing includes a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism that faces into the container when the seat is removably mounted thereon and the shredder housing is in the generally horizontal orientation for enabling articles to be discarded into the container without passing through the shredder mechanism.

41. (New) A shredder according to claim 40, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by the handle provided on the shredder housing.

42. (New) A shredder according to claim 41, wherein the handle and the waste opening are provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

43. (New) A shredder according to claim 42, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing, the hand grip portion and the connector portions defining part of the waste opening.

44. (New) A shredder according to claim 26, further comprising a container, wherein the seat is provided by an upper peripheral edge of the container so that the articles being shredded and discharged from the cutter elements are discharged into the container

45. (New) A shredder according to claim 44, wherein the shredder housing includes a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism that faces into the container when the shredder mechanism is in the generally horizontal orientation for enabling articles to be discarded into the container without passing through the shredder mechanism.

46. (New) A shredder according to claim 45, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by the handle provided on the shredder housing.

47. (New) A shredder according to claim 46, wherein the handle and the waste opening are provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

48. (New) A shredder according to claim 47, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing, the hand grip portion and the connector portions defining part of the waste opening.

49. (New) A shredder comprising:
a seat having a pivot guide;
a shredder housing including a pivot mount;
a shredder mechanism including a motor and cutter elements, the shredder mechanism enabling articles to be shredded to be fed into the cutter elements and the motor being operable to drive the cutter elements so that the cutter elements shred the articles fed therein, the shredder mechanism being mounted in the shredder housing;

the pivot guide and the pivot mount including (a) an open recess with a receiving opening and (b) a pivot member configured to be removably received in said recess through said receiving opening;

the shredder housing being constructed to be removably mounted to the seat in a generally horizontal orientation with the pivot mount and the pivot guide removably and pivotally coupled together by the pivot member being removably received in the open recess through the receiving opening;

the pivot mount and the pivot guide being constructed to pivotally guide the shredder housing for pivotal movement between the generally horizontal orientation and a generally vertical orientation, and enable the shredder housing to be removed from the seat by disengaging the pivot mount from the pivot guide with the pivot member being withdrawn from the open recess through the opening thereof.

50. (New) A shredder according to claim 49, wherein the pivot guide includes the open recess, and wherein the pivot mount includes the pivot member, the receiving opening of the open recess being an upwardly facing opening.

51. (New) A shredder according to claim 49, further comprising a handle provided on the shredder housing, the handle being constructed to be manually grasped for moving the shredder housing between the generally horizontal and generally vertical orientations on the seat and lifting and lowering the shredder housing off of and onto the seat.

52. (New) A shredder according to claim 50, further comprising a handle provided on the shredder housing, the handle being constructed to be manually grasped for moving the shredder housing between the generally horizontal and generally vertical orientations on the seat and lifting and lowering the shredder housing off of and onto the seat.

53. (New) A shredder according to claim 49, wherein the pivot guide includes a pair of said pivot guides provided on opposing lateral sides of the seat and wherein the pivot mount includes a pair of said pivot mounts provided on opposing lateral sides of the shredder housing.

54. (New) A shredder according to claim 50, wherein the pivot guide includes a pair of said pivot guides provided on opposing lateral sides of the seat and wherein the pivot mount includes a pair of said pivot mounts provided on opposing lateral sides of the shredder housing.

55. (New) A shredder according to claim 51, wherein the pivot guide includes a pair of said pivot guides provided on opposing lateral sides of the seat and wherein the pivot mount includes a pair of said pivot mounts provided on opposing lateral sides of the shredder housing.

56. (New) A shredder according to claim 52, wherein the pivot guide includes a pair of said pivot guides provided on opposing lateral sides of the seat and wherein the pivot mount includes a pair of said pivot mounts provided on opposing lateral sides of the shredder housing.

57. (New) A shredder according to claim 49, wherein each pivot mount and each pivot guide has a support surface, the support surfaces being positioned to engage one another to support the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement.

58. (New) A shredder according to claim 50, wherein each pivot mount and each pivot guide has a support surface, the support surfaces being positioned to engage one another to support the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement.

59. (New) A shredder according to claim 52, wherein each pivot mount and each pivot guide has a support surface, the support surfaces being positioned to engage one another to support the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement.

60. (New) A shredder according to claim 56, wherein each pivot mount and each pivot guide has a support surface, the support surfaces being positioned to engage one another to support the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement.

61. (New) A shredder according to claim 57, wherein the support surfaces are constructed to provide support to the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement thereof back towards the generally horizontal orientation, thereby facilitating a user (a) lifting the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation off the seat with the pivot mount disengaging from the pivot guide and (b) lowering the shredder housing in the generally vertical orientation onto the seat with the pivot mount engaging the pivot guide and the pivotally moving the shredder housing downwardly to the generally horizontal orientation.

62. (New) A shredder according to claim 58, wherein the support surface of each pivot guide is generally vertical and is provided in the bottom of its upwardly facing recess, each pivot guide and each pivot mount being constructed such that when the shredder mechanism housing is in the generally vertical orientation thereof the support surfaces on each pivot mounts is engaged with the generally vertical support surface on each pivot guide

to provide support to the shredder mechanism housing in the generally vertical orientation against pivotal movement thereof back towards the generally horizontal orientation,

each pivot guide and each pivot mount being constructed such that the support surface of each pivot mount disengages from the generally vertical support surface as the shredder mechanism housing is moved from the generally vertical orientation to the generally horizontal orientation.

63. (New) A shredder according to claim 51, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

64. (New) A shredder according to claim 52, wherein the handle is provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

65. (New) A shredder according to claim 64, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing.

66. (New) A shredder according to claim 52, wherein the seat is constructed to be removably mounted on an upper portion of a container having an upwardly facing opening so that the articles being shredded and discharged from the cutter elements are discharged into the container.

67. (New) A shredder according to claim 66, wherein the shredder housing includes a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism that faces into the container when the seat is removably mounted thereon and the shredder housing is in the generally horizontal orientation for enabling articles to be discarded into the container without passing through the shredder mechanism.

68. (New) A shredder according to claim 67, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by the handle provided on the shredder housing.

69. (New) A shredder according to claim 68, wherein the handle and the waste opening are provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

70. (New) A shredder according to claim 69, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing, the hand grip portion and the connector portions defining part of the waste opening.

71. (New) A shredder according to claim 52, further comprising a container, wherein the seat is provided by an upper peripheral edge of the container so that the articles being shredded and discharged from the cutter elements are discharged into the container.

72. (New) A shredder according to claim 71, wherein the shredder housing includes a waste opening spaced apart from the shredder mechanism that faces into the container when the shredder mechanism is in the generally horizontal orientation for enabling articles to be discarded into the container without passing through the shredder mechanism.

73. (New) A shredder according to claim 72, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by the handle provided on the shredder housing, wherein the waste opening in the shredder housing is defined at least in part by the handle provided on the shredder housing.

74. (New) A shredder according to claim 73, wherein the handle and the waste opening are provided on a front portion of the shredder housing.

75. (New) A shredder according to claim 74, wherein the handle has a pair of spaced apart connector portions extending from the shredder housing and a hand grip portion extending between the connector portions in spaced apart relation from the shredder housing, the hand grip portion and the connector portions defining part of the waste opening.